

# **10 YEARS OF GRACE**

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Ten years ago, while stopped at a red light at the corner of St. Charles and Calliope watching the homeless beg, a familiar thought ran through my head: "Someone should do something about this."

Only this time, I heard a response: "That someone is you."



Meeting the unhoused community where they are requires patience, understanding, and a respect for the dignity and God-given potential of every person. We believe reliability builds trust, and it starts with something as simple as a daily meal. We open our doors at 6:30 am to everyone, every day. Each person is looked in the eye, listened to, and treated with compassion. Only then can we help them with their unique needs. Everyone has a story; no two situations are the same!

As needed, we offer referrals to the tens of other organizations in New Orleans who provide necessary services. Understanding referrals from a trusted, consistent source may be the biggest role we play. We can't do it without our loving, committed donors and volunteers. Together with exceptional faith, we provide Grace to the unhoused. Thank y'all for being Grace.

Peace and love,

Chris Beary Founder & Board Chair





### 10 YEARS OF IMPACT



**Grace at the Green Light** is the only local organization that offers intensive case management and nutritional support - 365 days per year - for those not staying overnight in local shelters.

Since 2014, we have greatly expanded our services to address the most dire needs of our community's growing unhoused population, with a focus on three signature programs:

#### **MEALS WITH LOVE**

Served **345,000** nutritious meals

Distributed **38,000** articles of clothing

#### **GOING HOME**

Reunited **3,246** individuals with safe & stable family

Fewer than **7%** back on the streets after three months of follow up

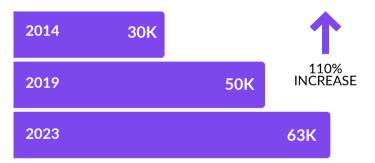
#### **HYDRATE NOLA**

Distributed **1.3 million** bottles of water

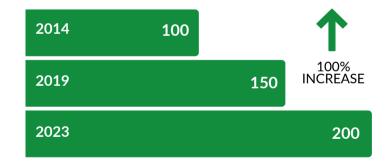
Constructed **12** water fountains (with **6** more underway)

We have also coordinated a number of meaningful experiences to lift spirits and foster community engagement, like our annual "Fest for the Unhoused" and trips to both Jazz Fest & NOLA Funk Fest.

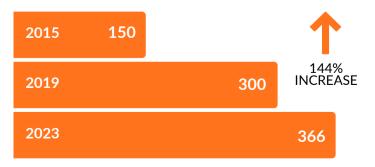
#### **MEALS SERVED (ANNUAL)**



#### **AVERAGE DAILY CLIENTS**



#### **REUNIFICATIONS (ANNUAL)**



#### **HYDRATE NOLA FOUNTAINS (TOTAL)**



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"Being a Type I diabetic, (Grace) really helped me because if I don't eat, I get sick. The consistency and the overall team effort and the right energy that Grace has, it's a great benefit for people like myself. It's a life saver.'

**KENDRICK** 

"Grace is awesome. One of the best places in this town, you can go there once a day to get a meal and the staff are caring and kind. Everyone is deserving of kindness and love"





"When I was hungry, they fed me. When I needed clothes, they clothed me. So, it's a privilege for them to let me serve in the community. It's just a big blessing."

> "From the bottom of my heart, (Grace) has saved us and has given us a fresh start. Grace is helping to make my life better because I was really ready to aive up."



### **10 YEARS OF GRATITUDE**

To our many volunteers, donors, sponsors, and partners: Thank you. We can never say it enough. Without your Gift of Grace, our work would not be possible.

Special thanks to the following major partners and contributors who have truly gone above and beyond to help those in our community who need it most:

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## 2023: BY THE NUMBERS



MEALS SERVED

62,436



FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS

366



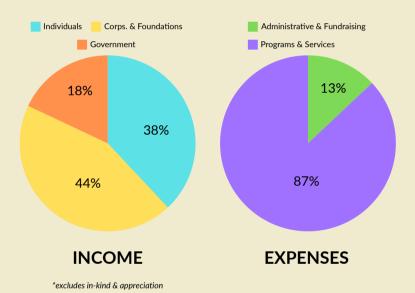
CLOTHING DISTRIBUTED

15,000 items



SERVICE REFERRALS

2,150



2023 REVENUE: \$549,237

25%
INCREASE IN CLIENTS UPON MOVING TO NEW LOCATION



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